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It is a great pleasure to be here to speak at this venerable institution. In Washington and indeed around the world, Fort Leavenworth is thought of as the very heart of the American Army. Throughout this troublesome century Fort Leavenworth has come to mean a quest for excellence in the American profession of arms. You, the students of the Command and General Staff College, are following in the steps of almost a hundred years of forebearers--some of great fame, others less well known, but all, like you, dedicated to their calling and to the defense of our great nation.

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I congratulate you on your selection to attend this famous institution and encourage you, while you are here, to give it all you've got. The American people have entrusted you with this opportunity for your professional development, and they merit the very best military commanders and staff officers to lead their forces in the field if great issues have to be settled by force.

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Never get the idea that the American people do not care what you are doing here. They care very deeply. We have a long tradition of citizen soldiers in this country, and while we may have an all-professional force for the moment, we must in the final analysis depend upon the strengths of all of the people. They well know that it is you who will be leading their sons and

fathers and brothers on the battlefield if our efforts for peace are unsuccessful. They have provided you this opportunity to learn, and they are counting heavily upon your success. Never forget that as you tackle your tactical lessons. [REDACTED]

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I wish that I could report to you that our chances for success in our quest for peace were assured. Unfortunately, I cannot. The world is a high crime district, and there are many sharing the globe with us who wish us and our democratic institutions various types of ill. We cannot close the doors of the Command and General Staff College, confident that your skills will not be needed in the years ahead. [REDACTED]

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Looking around we see how the Soviets have grown in strength and how far they have extended their power and influence beyond their national boundaries and those of their Warsaw Pact vassals.

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Here at Leavenworth you think ahead and develop doctrine and tactics to deal with the ground threat which the Soviets pose in Europe and elsewhere around the globe. [REDACTED]

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